

"THE Broker's Bride; or the Shroud that Never Returned" is the novel that will bring joy to the hearts of our readers to-morrow. No extra charge.

equal to Harry Monkhouse, who, in fine form, following none of the faults which have marred some of his previous efforts, Miss Fanny Stanley (*Chopinista*) was in better voice than usual, and whose voice carried all through. The company, however, require tuition in the pronunciation of French names, hardly one being anywhere near the mark, and most of them doing it badly. A distinct improvement was noticed in the scenery; nobody was killed, nor even badly hurt, the head by flying furniture. It is to be continued to-night, when the company will give a new piece, "Girofle-Girofle," which has been very well worked up for a long time past, and which will be thought to be a very good one. With the dust, a Maying, by Miss Brooks, and a new piece, "The Maying," by Miss Denver, which we were mistaken in anticipating for Wednesday, will come on to-morrow night.

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NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The Eastern and Australian Co.'s steamship *Guthrie*, Capt. P. T. Helms, (from Sydney) *via* ports of call, arrived in port, last evening. We extract the subjoined telegrams from our Australian exchanges:—

LONDON, July 4th.

Mr. G. R. Dibbs was the guest of the Marquis of Salisbury at Hatfield House on Sunday. The other guests present on the same occasion were the Duke of Edinburgh, the King of Roumania, and the Prince of Hohenzollern, Crown Prince of Roumania.

The trouble in several directions in Afghanistan is serious. The British and French

Several British men-of-war are engaged in conveying food from Halifax to St. John's, and relieve the wide-spread distress caused by the conflagration.

In Russia the disease is causing enormous mortality, and the troops have been prohibited from camping in the vicinity of towns. A panic has occurred among the people at Baku, a sea-port town, and at Keachika, 47 per cent. of the people seized are dying from the disease.

with respect to his hostility to the foreign policy of the German Government, said that he did not feel any personal hurt at the loss of the office of Imperial Chancellor, but that the manner of his dismissal caused him great pain.

Prince Bismarck blames intrigues in the Empire for the want of peace throughout Germany.

The London hospitals are crowded, principally with cases of enteric fever, a disease which is exceptionally prevalent in the metropolis at present.

In the course of the trial of the 18 prisoners now proceeding at Sofia for the murder of Mr. Belichev, the Bulgarian Minister of Finance, in March, 1891, several of the accused made some admissions of a remarkable character, implicating the Russian Consul at Bourgas.

They admit having attempted to shoot Prince Ferdinand in 1890.

The Rev. Dr. Dale (Congregational), Dr. Dallinger (Wesleyan), and the Rev. William Arthur, have appeared to their respective denominations for support on behalf of Unionist candidates at the general election.

Princess Bismarck is moderating the tone of his opposition towards the Emperor William and the policy of the German Government. He disclaims the idea that he cherishes any towards Count von Caprivi, the Chancellor, for the release of French missionaries in Africa declare that the Protestant natives of Uganda have again attacked the Roman Catholics. It is also said that they were assisted by Captain Lugard and Captain Williams.

The United States authorities have seized the British steamer *Colquhoun* and *sea* belonging to the port of Victoria, British Columbia.

Mr. Stewart's bill for the free coinage of silver has been passed by the United States by 29 to 25. A proviso is added requiring the coinage of all silver by the Treasury.

The bootmakers have agreed to proceed to arbitration with the masters upon the points in dispute which resulted in a lockout.

The Municipal Corporation of Ipswich, England, has floated a 3 per cent loan of £250,000, the average price obtained being over 95.

It is reported that the members of the Cabinet of the United States have signed a petition to the British Government asking for the release of Mrs. Maybrick, who was sentenced to imprisonment for life for poisoning her husband at Liverpool.

Rioting has occurred at Madrid, among the hawkers, to such an extent that the military guards were called out and dispersed the crowd by firing on them.

A telegram from St. Petersburg reports that the Grand Duke Vladimir, the eldest brother of the Czar, has sustained serious injuries by falling from a train at Novorossiysk.

A telegram from New York states that Mr. Cyrus W. Field, the famous American railway and telegraph promoter, is dying.

A crowd of sympathizers with the Parnellite party signed Mr. William O'Brien, at Limerick. He was rescued by the police and escorted to his hotel.

Intense interest in the election prevails in London and business in stocks is virtually suspended.

The executive of the London Dockers' Union are disputing as to the choice of labor candidates. Mr. Gladstone, speaking on the political situation at Glasgow, said that he did not fear any bad results from the Roman Catholic clergy in Ireland under his scheme of Home Rule, for the more liberty given to the people the less fear there would be of clerical domination.

Mr. Gladstone asserted that under the bill he would introduce he could provide a scheme of Irish Home Rule which would ensure happy internal relations with England and a reign of peace.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, in a speech delivered last night, said that Mr. Gladstone had tried three, and had failed each time, to produce a satisfactory scheme of Irish Home Rule.

The *Specialist* says that the demand for Irish self government, similar in form to that of the autonomous colonies, is a wild dream.

Sir William Harcourt, who delivered a speech last night, said that the tendency of British politics showed that the Unionists were decaying. The bunting at Liverpool on the general election is 6 to 4 on the Gladstone party.

The *Times* in an article on the election says that Mr. Gladstone lives in an atmosphere of glamour and illusion. It considers that the unexpected re-election of Lord Randolph Churchill for South Paddington is a good omen for the Liberal Unionists.

The Scottish Home Rule Society has decided not to support Mr. Gladstone at the approaching general election.

Further election rioting has taken place in Ireland. Effigies of Mr. T. M. Healy and Mr. William O'Brien have been burned.

In the course of election rioting at Waterford one man was killed.

Mr. J. E. Redmond, ex-M.P. for Waterford, and Mr. David Sheehy, ex-M.P. for Galway, at the head of a band of Parnellites, formed a committee to oppose the Mr. McCarthy candidate. A fight ensued, in the course of which Mr. Sheehy was wounded three times. Eventually the police charged the mob.

Many persons are now in the hospitals suffering from injuries received during the fight.

The magistrates who endeavored to restore order were assaulted.

At Kilkenny a priest who was aiding some belligerents in the riot was arrested.

Mr. O'Brien was stoned at Limerick, where fierce rioting took place.

The members of the New Zealand athletic team have entirely failed in the Championship events. Peter Wood won a heat in the quarter of a mile race, and Bajer won a heat in the hurdles, but both were easily beaten in the final. Hempton was beaten in his heat in the 100 yards race.

A mob of rioters in Madrid, chiefly composed of market women, was fired upon by the Civil Guard, and many were wounded.

July 24th.

"Dominion Day" was celebrated in Canada with great enthusiasm.

At Toronto the people tore the American flag to shreds, while bands of music played national airs.

It is reported that Lord Knutsford, Secretary of State for the Colonies, has promised the delegates from Natal to the Government, provided there are proper safeguards for the natives.

The editor of the *Frederick's Zeitung*, a German newspaper, has been sentenced to imprisonment for three months for asserting in the paper that the Emperor William had shot a deer out of season.

The Parnellites attempted to wreck the special train in which Mr. O'Brien left Limerick, but some Parnellites having proceeded up the line a disaster was averted.

A great deal of comment has been excited by the speech delivered by Mr. Gladstone at Glasgow on Saturday night.

The *Times* says that in Mr. Gladstone's view the peace of Ireland rests on the hope of his return to power. The real effect of that, however, would be to convulse the country and reduce it to the condition of Bedlam.

The *Daily News* refers to the effect of the speech with respect to the recent anti-Home Rule Convention at Belfast, and claims that Mr. Gladstone has "burnt the Ulster bubble."

Sh John Lubbeck, M.P. for London, University, says that Mr. Gladstone is making "a last desperate struggle," and is conscious that he will be defeated at the election.

Further details of the wreck of the Italian steamer *City of Chicago* on the coast of Ireland show that the passengers' lives were saved by the coolness of the master of the steamer, Captain A. Redford. A panic broke out among the passengers on the disaster happening. Captain Redford ordered out the life-boats, and 200 persons were landed as rapidly as possible. The coast line in the vicinity is very rough, and the shipwrecked party when they reached the shore had to scale cliffs by the aid of ropes and ladders in darkness.

The conditions of affairs in Afghanistan is considered critical.

The Ghilzais, the most numerous tribe among the Amer's subjects, and another tribe, known as the Afridis, are disaffected, and a raid on the British is feared.

The Hazaras tribe, who occupy the mountainous districts in the north, are being supported by Russia.

Baba, a Russian town on the west coast of the Caspian Sea, is devastated by cholera, and the town is in a condition of panic.

Corpses are lying unburied in washhouses. Persons in authority have left the town, while the doctors, affected by cowardice, are unable to render assistance.

The epidemic has also attacked residents of the Astrakhan district, having been spread by the railway.

Anarchists in Paris are negotiating with the object of rescuing Ravachol, their leader, from the authorities.

The anarchists have threatened outrages with explosives if the prosecution of Ravachol is continued.

It is believed in commercial circles that the passage of the Silver Coinage Bill by the Senate of the United States will not affect the market, and is only an election dodge.

The death is announced of Kate Fox, a noted spiritualist.

The *Berliner Tagblatt* announces that Dr. Peters has resigned the position he held in connection with German exploration in Africa.

Atlantic cholera has made its appearance in the city of Saratov, on the river Volga, in European Russia, 465 miles from Moscow.

July 25th.

Cholera has broken out in Astrakhan. It is feared that the epidemic will travel up the Volga.

Four anarchists at Liege have been sentenced to terms of imprisonment varying from four to six years for having diffused anarchist literature among soldiers.

A body of British has attacked some Italian rioters at San Paolo for having insulted the British flag.

Many were killed.

Daniel O'Connell, son of the Liberator, is supporting the Hon. James Lowther's candidature. He declares that Home Rule would be injurious to England and most disastrous to Ireland.

Mr. Gladstone, speaking in Middleham, made a direct appeal to the labor party. He declared that the labor interests were predominant in the Liberal platform.

A vote censuring his attitude towards Scotch distillation and Irish Home Rule was defeated by a large majority.

A daring outrage is reported to have been attempted at Limerick, in Ireland. An attack was made by a number of Parnellite sympathizers upon a train in which were 300 anti-Parnellites, and it was sought to wreck the train, but disaster was averted.

Mr. Gladstone has stated that the demand for eight hours as the standard day's labour is premature, if not impossible. In the case of the miners, he would be more hopeful of its practicability if the districts were unanxious in its favour. Local option should prevail, but there was little hope of success.

France has extended her protection to the revolting tribes in Morocco.

The Sultan has named the players, Gentlemen, the players scored 375 for the loss of five wickets.

Shrewsbury made 98 and Gunn 103.

Baddely has defeated Pim for the lawn tennis championship by three sets to one.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

Sandakan, July 28, 1892.

"The export duty on gutta, betanaw, rattans, damar, and birds' nests is now ten per cent, ad valorem."

Mr. C. M. D. Stewart has been granted nine and a half months' leave.

Mr. Cecil Fabris, appointed Customs Officer, Sandakan, after Mr. C. P. H. Webb, dismissed.

Mr. A. R. Dunning is appointed in charge of the Port of Sandakan.

Some few months ago a project was started in Sandakan to establish a mission lodge in North Borneo. This is so far a *fact accompli* that a furnished lodge has been located in Dain's buildings adjoining the premises of Messrs. Kain Brothers, and it is expected that the lodge will be formally opened in the course of the next two months. It is very probable that the opening ceremonies will be carried out by Sir Charles Warren, the Grand Master of the Straits Settlements. There are some fifteen missions resident in Sandakan and neighbourhood, and several candidates for initiation.

We hear a newspaper of eight pages entitled the *Burning Lion* (Mynah Bird) is to be started in Sandakan. Some eleven or twelve years ago a manuscript sheet was circulated bearing this title. It is now to be revived and in its printed form it is to be a history of the island of Borneo, and the agricultural development of the island. It will also open its columns to a full discussion of political and other local matters of interest.

We regret to record the death of Mr. L. D. Valder Abelen, an assistant planter on the Lamin Estate, Segama, on the 17th June. Our correspondent informs us that the deceased had been suffering from violent attacks of fever for some time which is supposed to have enlarged his mind and caused him to commit suicide with his right hand while there was a bullet wound in the right temple which must have caused instantaneous death.

BITS OF INFORMATION.

Paris is the best lighted city.

Guineas were first coined from Guinea Coast.

Ohio has more pensioners than any other State.

A good camel will travel 100 miles a day for ten days.

Attar of roses comes principally from Southern Roumelia.

The first mention of writing is found in Exodus xvii, 14.

In the average walk a person travels three-quarters of a mile.

About twenty-five persons out of every 100,000 take their own lives.

The South African milk tree produces a good substitute for cow's milk.

All Foul's day is traced through every country of Europe to the Hindus.

The custom of wearing kid gloves can be traced back to Bible times.

It now takes the third of a second for an electric signal to cross the Atlantic.

According to a curious Mashanaland custom, all twin babies are drowned.

The Mohammedans consider silk unclean, because it is produced by a worm.

Pliny says soap first became known to the Romans by their conquest of Gaul.

A man obtains his maximum height at forty years of age, a woman at fifty years.

Did Columbus ever sit for a portrait? There is not the slightest evidence that he did.

There are only 3,775 cities in this country which contain more than 1,000 inhabitants.

The Earl of Orkney is soon to marry the rather infamous Countess Gilchrist of the Gaily Troupe.

More physicians commit suicide than the members of any other of the learned professions.

The ant is said to have the biggest brain, according to the size of its body, of any creature.

Two little islands, Zanzibar and Pemba, form four-fifths of the cloves consumed by the world.

It takes eight times the strength to go upstairs than it does for the same distance on a level.

It is supposed that the average depth of sand in the deserts of Africa is from thirty to forty feet.

The Library of Congress at Washington contains 300,000 volumes. It was founded in 1802.

The city of Paris has 87,655 trees in its streets, and each tree represents a cost to the city of 175 francs.

The machine gun still holds the record for quick firing, for it can deliver 750 shots each minute, or 12½ each second.

Marcus Morton was chosen Governor of Massachusetts in 1839 by a majority of one vote in a total of over 100,000.

Nearly 10,000 people have been burned or trampled to death in theatre fires during the past century and a quarter.

At Quito, the only city in the world on the line of the Equator, the sun sets and rises at 6 o'clock the year round.

Paris shopkeepers were more exercised about business than their lives during the recent scare of dynamite and Anarchists.

There is no statute law compelling a woman to take the name of her husband at marriage, but it is a universal custom.

China has 419,000 square miles of coal fields, or more than twenty times the aggregate of the carboniferous strata in America.

Spain has 3,200,000 square miles, an area larger than the United States, including Alaska, and her population is 14,000,000.

Paris has already in circulation a new word to describe something particularly outrageous or horrible. It is "Ravacholique."

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes is the subject of a long article in the *Edinburgh Observer* of a recent date by one of his Scotch admirers.

The sun never sets on American soil. When it is 6 P.M. at Attino Island, Alaska, it is 9 A.M. the next day on the eastern coast of Maine. But how about winter?

In about sixty years a walnut tree grown from the seed will attain a diameter of four feet, and if properly cultivated, it will be worth \$400.

Whether golf shall be played on Sundays is being debated by the "Tooting Golf Club." All outdoor games are gradually coming into vogue on Sundays in England.

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T. EMPSON, Manager.

HONGKONG, 29th July, 1892.

ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER.

HONGKONG, No. 218, S.C.

AN EMERGENCY CONVOCATION of the above Chapter will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, THIS EVENING, the 29th instant, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely.

Visiting Companions are cordially invited.

HONGKONG, 29th July, 1892.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship.

"HAILONG," Captain Hall, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 1st August, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAIRIE & Co., General Managers.

HONGKONG, 29th July, 1892.

"UNION" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

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"ANGERS," Captain Pinkham, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 1st August, at 5 P.M., instead of as previously notified.

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HONGKONG, 29th July, 1892.

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"BERENICE," Captain P. Morris, will leave for the above place on TUESDAY, the 2nd August, at Noon.

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HONGKONG, 29th July, 1892.

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Today's Advertisements.

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THE Post Office will be CLOSED on MONDAY, the 1st August, (BANK HOLIDAY) except from 8 to 9 A.M. Correspondence can be posted as on SUNDAY. Correspondence for the FRANKLIN KOWLOON may be posted up to 9 A.M. The Night Box will be kept open.

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HONGKONG, 29th July, 1892.

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The Boiler is of the Horizontal, Multitubular type, with three Furnaces and vertical Dome on top. Its dia. is 10 ft. 2 in. by 10 ft. 10 in. long, external measurements; Furnaces, 2 ft. 7 in. dia.; Dome, 4 ft. 6 in. by 4 ft. 6 in.; Tubes, 1½ in. number by 3 in. dia. It is in fairly good condition, having recently undergone considerable repairs, and would last in active service for over five years.

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